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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI OF IAEA STATUTE

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1. EMBOFF CALLED AT MFA APR 17 TO DISCUSS REF A WITH RECENTLY-RETURNED MFA (LEGAL) COUNSELOR WINSTON TUBMAN. TUBMAN IS A CLOSE EMBASSY CONTACT AND IS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE OFFICIALS IN THE MFA. HE IS INTELLIGNET, WELL- EDUCATED AND NOT HANDICAPPED BY INSECURITIES THAT AFFECT MANY OF HIS COLLEAGUES. WE ARE SPELLING THIS OUT BECAUSE ENSUING CONVERSATION REFLECTS PROBLEMS OF GOL IN GRAPPLING WITH ISSUES THAT ARE NOT OF DAILY, IMMEDIATE CONCERN.

2. TUBMAN SAID PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE SIX APPEARED MAKE SENSE FROM GOL' S VIEWPOINT. MFA, HOWEVER, HAS DIFFICULTIES IN ADDRESSING IAEA MATTERS. TUBMAN, WHO HAS BEEN LEGAL COUNSELOR SINCE EARLY 1972, SAID HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO FIND ANYONE IN MFA WHO REALLY KNEW WHAT IAEA DID AND WHAT, IF ANTHING, LIBERIA GOT OUT OF ITS MEMBERSHIP. IN FACT, HE SAID, ONLY EVIDENCE HE COULD FIND THAT LIBERIA WAS MEMBER WAS THAT IT PAID DUES TO THE ORGNAIZATION AND RECEIVED DEMARCHES FROM EMBASSY, ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON, RE IAEA MATTERS. FINALLY, HE ASKED EMBOFF FOR COPY OF BASIC IAEA STATUTE WHICH HE HAD BEEN UNABLE DISCOVER IN MFA' S ARCHIVES. COPY DELIVERED HIM APRIL 18.

3. BECAUSE OF AMBASSADOR' S EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE RE IAEA, EMBOFF CALLED HIM FROM TUBMAN' S OFFICE. AMBASSADOR SPOKE DIRECTLY WITH TUBMAN TO DESCRIBE ACTIVITIES OF ORGNAIZATION AND ADVANTAGES TO LIBERIA OF MEMBERSHIP. TUBMAN SAID IT ALL SOUNDED GOOD AND, THAT BARRING SOMETHING QUESTIONABLE IN STATUTE, WE COULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE AN EARLY FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO OUR LATEST DEMARCHE. MANFULL

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